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Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health
and the Chief Public Health Inspector for the
Year 1964

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1964.

Home Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,250 which represents an increase of 190 over that of the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 70 (37 M. 33 F.) an increase of 4 over that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth rate was 13.33 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 16.66 and was lower than that of 18.4 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

One stillbirth (1 F) was registered and the stillbirth rate was accordingly 14.08 compared with that of 16.3 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

One infant death was registered, due to Prematurity which is the most common cause of infant deaths. The rate was accordingly 14.29 compared with that of 20 for England and Wales.

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality i.e. stillbirths and infant deaths under one week of age, is prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injuries and congenital malformations and the chief maternal factor is toxæmia of pregnancy.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There were no Maternal deaths, which is a reflection of the high standard of modern Obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Mortality Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 74 (37 M. 37 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 14.09, which includes the deaths assigned from the West View Chronic Sick Hospital. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts adjusts the crude death rate and the adjustment rate was 7.61 in comparison with that of 12.2 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from natural causes amongst the aged, viz. Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System; of those there were 44.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart was the cause of 16 of those deaths or approximately 36% in the following age groups: 1 between 45 - 54; 4 between 55 - 64; 5 between 65 - 74 and 6 over 75 years. The majority of deaths were over 65 years and although the causative factor (or factors) is still obscure, it might be that a degenerative process is one of the principal causes.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths of which there were 11 in the following age-groups; 2 between 45 - 54; 2 between 55 - 64; 4 between 65 - 74; and 3 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus was the cause of three deaths (all males) in the following age-group: 3 between 65 - 74 years. These deaths predominate in males and may be related to the ratio of male to female cigarette smokers.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no exceptional mortality.

The Infectious Diseases

No serious Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

Measles

54 cases of Measles compared with 194 in the previous year were notified. It is equivocal that it should be notifiable, as it usually is not a serious disease, unless its more serious complications supervene, which now occur less frequently, and for the treatment of which, excepting Acute Encephalitis, the anti-biotics are specific. During epidemics, unnecessary time of busy Practitioners and office staff are taken up by these notifications and the expenditure involved is also unnecessary.

Whooping Cough

Twelve cases were notified. As more and more infants become vaccinated, 'pari passu', the number of notifications diminish.

Scarlet Fever

Four sporadic cases were notified. Today, this is a mild disease in contrast with its virulence in former years, and the majority of cases are treated at home, unless social conditions are unsatisfactory, e.g. caravans.

Tuberculosis

It is noteworthy that no case of non-Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified. Having regard to the fact that this 'White Plague' has been a scourge of man for centuries, the modern progress achieved has been remarkable.

Also, there was no death from Respiratory or non-Respiratory Tuberculosis which is a reflection of the efficaciousness of modern treatment.

In conclusion, it may be stated that the Public Health of the District throughout the year was very satisfactory and may I take this opportunity of thanking you for your assistance and interest in the work of the Department and the staff for their co-operation and efficiency.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1964

Area:- 8,946 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	5,250
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books				1,950
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£167,765
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£685

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a Limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical traditions and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Tenterden Borough</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	70	37	33	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	13.33 (Adjusted Rate 16.66)
	(a) Legitimate	65	33	32		
	(b) Illegitimate	5	4	1		
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	14.08
	(a) Legitimate	1	-	1		
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-		
3.	<u>Total live and still births</u>	71	37	34		
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	74	37	37	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	14.09 (Adjusted Rate 7.61)
5.	<u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	Nil Not Available
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	14.29 20.0
	(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	Nil
	(b) Illegitimate	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	200.00
7.	<u>Deaths of infants under Four Weeks of Age</u>	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	14.29 Not Available
	(a) Legitimate	-	-	-		
	(b) Illegitimate	1	1	-		
8.	<u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					7.14%
9.	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)			...	...	11
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)			...	...	-
	Deaths from Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea			...	...	-
	Deaths from Measles			...	...	-

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

Measles	...	...	54
Scarlet Fever	...	...	4
Whooping Cough	...	...	12

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1964

ALL CAUSES			<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
			37	37
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-
4. Diphtheria	-
5. Whooping Cough	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-
8. Measles	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-
0. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1
1. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3
2. Malignant neoplasm, breast	1
3. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-
4. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4
5. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-
6. Diabetes	-
7. Vascular lesions of nervous system	4
8. Coronary disease, angina	5
9. Hypertension with heart disease	-
0. Other heart disease	11
1. Other circulatory disease	-
2. Influenza	-
3. Pneumonia	2
4. Bronchitis	1
5. Other diseases of respiratory system	1
6. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-
7. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-
8. Nephritis and nephrosis	-
9. Hyperplasia of prostate	-
0. Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion	-
1. Congenital malformations	-
2. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4
3. Motor vehicle accidents	1
4. All other accidents	2
5. Suicide	-
6. Homicide and operations of war	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1964

Age Periods	New Cases						Deaths						Total Cases on Register					
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	16	3	2		
1	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
5	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
15	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
25	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
35	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
45	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
55	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
65 and upwards			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Total			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figures for 1964 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)		Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination)
	Primary	Reinforcing	
1964	43	-	43
1963	40	-	38
1962	1	48	1
1961	-	11	-
1960	-	4	-
1955-1959	2	54	-
1950-1954	-	-	-
Total	86	117	82

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following Table shows the Poliomyelitis Vaccination figures for 1964 based on the Return submitted to the Ministry of Health

Year	3rd and 4th Dose (Salk and Oral)	3 Orals (Complete Course)
1964	-	15
1963	-	51
1962	1	3
1961	-	-
1949 - 1960	77	3
1933 - 1948	-	1
Others	-	-

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

PRIMARY VACCINATION 1 YEAR	RE-VACCINATION SCHOOL AGE BUT UNDER 8 YEARS
33	Nil

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

CENTRE	DATE	FILMS TAKEN			ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			INACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			CANCER OF LUNG		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
PUBLIC CENTRES	JUNE 1964	379	469	848	-29	-	-	5	5	10	-	-	-
WEST VIEW HOSPITAL	JUNE 1964	59	69	128	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
SCHOOL CENTRE	JUNE 1964	69	69	138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year:-

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Not Satisfactory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Not Satisfactory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	1	1	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	9	2	7	-	-	-

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as is known none of the supplies are plumbosolvent.

(B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... 16

(ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 1950

(C) There were no extensions to water mains during the year

(D) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - The problem associated with unsatisfactory, isolated well supplies was receiving attention at the close of the year.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work is in progress for the construction of approximately 11,825 lin. yards of soil sewer to replace existing sewers which will in future be used for surface water drainage. This entails alterations to all house connections.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

(i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 50

(b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955

(i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 26

(ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 6

(c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 15

(d) the method of disposal of condemned food - Deeply buried or burnt.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	2
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	1
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	2
Dairies	...	-

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (Contd.)

Fish (including fried	...	1
Licenced Premises	...	1
Slaughterhouses	...	-
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	....	-
All other Food Premises	...	13

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) ... 10

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served ... 10

SUMMARY OF MILK SAMPLING (INFORMAL) for the purposes of Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

	<u>No. of Samples taken.</u>	<u>No. of Samples which failed</u>
Pasteurised Milk	None	Phosphatase test: M.B. test: Nil.
Sterilised Milk	None	Turbidity test:
Tuberculin Tested (raw)	None	M.B. test:

<u>Biological Examination of Raw Milk</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>
Retail supplies	None
Others	None

Inspection of Food and Food-preparing premises

Most occupiers of food premises co-operated swiftly to bring their premises up to standard when their attention was drawn to contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

The fairly large weight of unsound food surrendered, as can be seen, accounted for mostly by frozen foods. In all instances this was due to a mechanical failure of the refrigerating apparatus.

(ii) MILK AND DAIRIES

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors	...	11
No. of registered dairies	....	2

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

Fish	...	176 lbs.	Frozen Fish Products	...	244 lbs.
Meat	...	28 "	Frozen Meat Products	...	241 "
Canned Fruit	..	21 "	Frozen Vegetable Products	..	430 "
Fruit	...	17 "	Frozen Fruit Products	...	4 "

Total weight condemned 10 cwt. 2 stones 13 lbs.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

Houses demolished

Clearance Areas

(Housing Act 1957)

-) Houses unfit for human habitation
-) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement
-) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957
- t in Clearance Areas
-) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957

	<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u>	
		<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
)	NIL	NIL	NIL
)	NIL	NIL	NIL
)	NIL	NIL	NIL
)	NIL	1	1

Unfit Houses Closed Number

-) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 3
-) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 NIL
-) Parts of buildings closed under (Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 NIL

Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied

		<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
)	After informal action by local authority	NIL	NIL
)	After formal notice under - (a) Public Health Acts	1	NIL
	(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL
0)	Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL

Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

	<u>Position at end of year</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)</u>
		(1)	(2)
1)	Retained for temporary accommodation (a) Under Section 48 (b) Under Section 17(2) (c) Under Section 46	NIL NIL NIL	
2)	Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	NIL	

Purchase of Houses by agreement

	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u>
	(1)	(2)
3)	Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	NIL

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS. GRANTS

Three Discretionary Grants and four Standard Grants were approved during the year at a total cost of £7,900. Grant made was £1,915, involving eight properties.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	...	16
Number of dwellings made fit	...	1
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	...	8
Number of inspections of clearance areas	...	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment		301

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants		5
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants		14
<u>Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957</u>		
Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	...	None
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedyng of Defects	...	None

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications	...	None
<u>Public Health Act</u>		
Number of inspections re:-		
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	3
Aged and Infirn Persons	...	-
Vermin	...	1
Dirty Houses	...	-
Offensive accumulations	...	-
Offensive odours	...	3
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	...	1

<u>NOTICES SERVED</u>	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	5	Nil
Housing Acts	Nil	Nil

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

1. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney stacks	...	2
Roofs	...	2
Gutters and fall pipes	...	1
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	...	3
Windows (including cords)	...	4
Doors	...	2
Decorations	...	1
Outbuildings	...	-
Yard Surfacing	...	-

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	...	1
Doors and Cupboards	...	-
Fireplace and stoves	...	1
Staircase	...	-
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	...	-
Miscellaneous repairs	...	-
ii. <u>Dampness to dwellings</u>		
Walls	...	4
Floors	...	1
iii. <u>Foodstore to dwellings</u>		
Made satisfactory	...	6
Provided	...	6
iv. <u>Water Supply to dwellings</u>		
Well supplies made adequate and safe	...	Nil
Wells discontinued and main water provided	...	Nil
Service piping renewed	...	1
Sinks renewed	...	2
Drainage renewed or provided	...	1
v. <u>Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)</u>		Nil
Repaired	...	Nil
New Provided	...	Nil
Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	...	Nil
vi. <u>Ventilation of dwellings</u>		
Improved	...	Nil
vii. <u>Drainage - general</u>		
Drains renewed or repaired	...	14
Drains cleared	...	6
viii. <u>Natural lighting of Dwellings</u>		
Improved	...	Nil
ix. Stability of Buildings Remedied	...	Nil
x. Dustbins Renewed	...	Nil

HOUSING

(i) No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31-12-64	81
(ii) No. of Council houses built during the year	None
(iii) No. of Private houses built during the year	67

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This work is done by a private contractor at the property owner of occupiers expense

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is	1843
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	1507
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	336
Number of premises connected to cesspools	328
Number of premises with pail closets	8

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

weekly collection is undertaken in central areas of the Borough and fortnightly one in outlying areas.

SALVAGE

A waste paper collection is in operation

DISINFECTION

No disinfection of premises or articles was carried out during the year

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:

		<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
	Council houses	-	-	-
	Other houses	-	1	-

Comments:- The one infestation of fleas was of animal origin and the property was quickly disinfested.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Number of Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	1	1	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	22	1	1	-

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Effective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	1	-

There are no Outworkers in the area

INFESTED PROPERTY

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricultural
(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (incl. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)		
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	9	1,660	446	2,115	123
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	-	60	15	75	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	46	12	58
Ship Rat	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	-	-	-
House Mouse	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	14	3	17
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	-	-	-
Total inspections carried out incl. re-inspections	-	-	-	-	-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (incl. Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultu
6. Number of infested properties (in Secs. 1, 2,3 & 4 treated by L.A.)	-	60	15	75	-
7. Total treatments carried out incl. re-treatments.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act:	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-	-
9. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Legal proceedings	-	-	-	-	-

